

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM CONNER
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1.WILLIAM CONNER

William Conner was probably born about 1785. He married
Susannah Kendall.

Children of William and Susannah (Kendall) Conner.

2. (1). Preston b. 1813
m.Rachel Kendall

2.PRESTON CONNER 1.WILLIAM CONNER

Preston Conner, a son of William and Susannah (Kendall) Conner,
was born in Clarke County KY in 1813. He came to Kanawha County Va
(WV) with his family in 1817. He married Rachel Kendall. Rachel, a
daughter of James and Mary (Lockhart) Kendall, was born in Alleghany
County VA in 1822.

Known children of Preston and Rachel (Kendall) Conner.

3. (1). Preston b. 1847 d. 1903
m. Elizabeth J. Kendall

3.PRESTON CONNER 2.PRESTON CONNER 1.WILLIAM CONNER

Preston Conner, a son Preston and Rachel (kendall) Conner, was
born in 1847 and died in 1903. He married Elizabeth J. Kendall.
Elizabeth was born in 1853 and die in 1893.

Known children of Preston and Elizabeth J. (Kendall) Conner.

4. (1). Ernest b.Feb 5 1877
m.Carrie Louella James Jun 21 1903

4.ERNEST CONNER 3.PRESTON CONNER 2.PRESTON CONNER
1.WILLIAM CONNER

Ernest Conner, a son of Preston and Elizabeth J. (Kendall) Conner, was
born February 15, 1877 and died in 1960. He came to Clay County, WV as a
railroad engineer for the Judge Lewis Timber Company. During the years 1895 to
1902, he was an engineer on one of the locomotives used on the Shelley
Railroad, a subsidiary of the Judge Lewis Timber Company, along Big Laurel and
Big Sandy Creeks. When the Judge Lewis Company moved, Ernest went to Ivydale
and worked as an engineer for the Tidewater Oil Company on their railroad
along Big
Otter Creek from 1902 to 1910.

During the years 1910 and 1911, he was an engineer for the Elk and Little
Kanawha railroad, and from 1911 to 1918, he was employed by the Interstate
Cooperage Railroad. After 1918, Ernest was an engineer for the Buffalo Creek
and Gauley Railroad from Dundon, WV to Widen WV.

To the best of the writer's knowledge, the Elk and Little Kanawha Railroad was a narrow gauge line that ran from Frametown, WV, to the head of Bear Fork of Steer Creek, near the present site of the Frozen Chapel, and its sole purpose was to haul logging supplies into the area for use of the Interstate Cooperage Company and to ship finished barrel staves to market.

However, the railroad ran in an area that was hungry for transportation, and hauled everything except ivory, apes and peacocks during the time of its existence. The road may have been built initially by private funds and bought by the Interstate Cooperage Company in 1911.

At Frametown, WV, the Elk and Little Kanawha road joined the standard gauge road that ran from Charleston to Sutton. This standard gauge road was originally built as the Charleston, Clendenin and Sutton Railroad and was completed in 1895. In 1902, the CC&S Railroad was sold to the Coal and Coke Railroad Company operated by Henry Gassaway Davis. About 1912, the Coal and Coke Railroad was sold to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

Ernest married Carrie Louella James in Clay County WV June 21, 1903. Carrie, a daughter of William and Rebecca (Conrad) James, was born December 10, 1885.

Children of Ernest and Carrie Louelia (James) Conner.

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| 5. | (1). | Delbert | b. | 1904 | d. | 1970 |
| | | m. Josephine Gray | | | | |
| 6. | (2). | Ray | b. | Feb 17 1906 | d. | Jan 23 1994 |
| | | m. Dorothy White | | | | |
| 7. | (3). | Noble "Bud" | b. | 1909 | d. | 1963 |
| | | m. Madge Young | | Dec 24 1935 | | |
| 8. | (4). | Richard "Dean" | b. | 1914 | | |
| | | m. Louise Marshall | | | | |
| 9. | (5). | Nina Pauline | b. | 1919 | | |
| | | m. James Ashton | | | | |

6. RAY CONNER 4. ERNEST CONNER 3. PRESTON CONNER
2. PRESTON CONNER 1. WILLIAM CONNER

Ray Conner, a son of Ernest and Carrie Louella (James) Conner, was born in Clay County WV February 17, 1906 and died in Kanwha County WV January 23, 1994. He married Dorothy White in Clay County April 16, 1927. Dorothy, a daughter of Orland and Ann White, was born at Wallback, Roane County WV August 18, 1909.

Children of Ray and Dorothy (White) Conner.

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| 10. | (1). | Gertrude May | b. | Jan 5 1929 | d. | Feb 11 2009 |
| | | m. David E. Bess | | | | |
| 11. | (2). | Betty | | | | |
| | | m. ----- Hunt | | | | |
| 12. | (3). | Jack | | | | |
| 13. | (4). | Nancy | | | | |

m.----- Jones

7.NOBLE CONNER 4.ERNEST CONNER 3.PRESTON CONNER 2.PRESTON
CONNER 1.WILLIAM CONNER

Noble "Bud" Conner, a son of Ernest and Carrie Louelia (James) Conner, was born in 1909 and died in 1963. He married Madge Young December 24, 1935. Madge, a daughter of Thomas and Lilly (Bragg) Young, was born October 12, 1913.

Children of Noble E. and Madge (Young) Conner.

- 14. (1). Brenda Kay b.Mar 3 1942
- 15. (2). Sharon Louise b.Aug 27 1945

10.GERTRUDE MAY CONNER 6.RAY CONNER 4.ERNEST CONNER 3.PRESTON CONNER
2.PRESTON CONNER 1.WILLIAM CONNER

Gertrude May Conner, a daughter of Ray and Dorothy (White) Conner, was born in Clay County WV January 5, 1929 and died in Dunbar, WV February 11, 2009. She married David E. Bess, who preceded her in death.

Children of David E. and Gertrude May (Conner) Bess.

- 16. (1). David R.
 m. Jeannie -----

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